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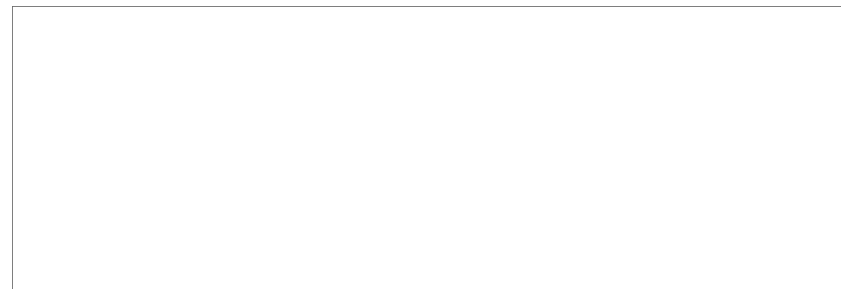
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1. On about 30 April 1955, the Soviet guard detail of 30 men at the munition and weapons storage area, located in the former "Panzerkaserne" on the Bisamberg near Korneuburg, Lower Austria, was reduced to one soldier. Prior to the departure of the guard detail, ~~even~~ <sup>several</sup> artillery pieces, presumably anti-aircraft guns, were moved out together with other items stored there.
2. On 18 May, the Soviet Commandant of Hollabrunn informed ~~local~~ <sup>Austrian</sup> officials that the Hollabrunn Kommandatura was being closed and that the Mistelbach Kommandatura had assumed jurisdiction over the Klein Haugsdorf customs house. At the same time, Soviet soldiers removed the furniture from the Soviet guards quarters at the Austrian customs house and loaded it and their equipment on a Soviet truck. Two soldiers from the Mistelbach Kommandatura will continue to perform passport control at Klein Haugsdorf.
3. Between about 22 and 25 May, all personnel and equipment at the Guessing Kommandatura were moved out. At least four Soviet trucks loaded with furniture were moved via Heiligenkreuz im Lafnitztal to Hungary. On 25 May, the last Soviet officers left the Kommandatura after saying farewell to the Austrian population. Schloss Guessing, where the Kommandatura was housed, has however, not been turned over officially to the Austrians.<sup>1</sup>
4. On 21 May, Soviet officers officially returned the Neunkirchen Kommandatura to Austrian authorities.
5. On 20 May, Soviet officers officially returned the Gmuend Kommandatura to the city officials of Gmuend. The last of the Soviet personnel which are still quartered in part of the building are going to leave by 31 May.
6. On 23 May, the Soviet Commandant of Freistadt informed Austrian officials that his office would be discontinued as of 25 May. All personnel of

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The Fugstad Kommandatura will leave by that date, and Austrian claims for reimbursement of damages incurred should be submitted prior to the Soviets' departure.

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